



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A veteran is a veteran

The War Memorial is quiet. Remembrance Day is past. Prayers said; tears shed; parades held; crowds cheered as veterans marched by, wreaths laid and the poppies have gone. As it is only fitting, we have paid tribute to our fallen comrades from sea to sea and in many countries overseas.

Perhaps it is time for the Canadian population through their government to pay some small tribute to those veterans who served after the Second World War.

Millions of dollars will be spent on rebuilding older war memorials and on commemorating the War Of 1812. Surely funds can be found to ensure families can give their loved ones a proper burial. Surely the act that covers the availability of funds to assist veterans can be broadened to cover our modern-day veterans, whether they served during the Cold War, on peacekeeping duties or in conflicts in places such as Bosnia and Afghanistan.

Our modern-day veterans accepted the torch that was passed to them with honour and carried it high. That torch was also passed to the Canadian government. It is now time for that government to carry it with honour and to hold it high by ensuring that a veteran is a veteran for all purposes and all receive the same benefits.

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Canadian Forces Veteran

### MPP's record lacklustre

**Re: PS moves are gutting downtown, Nov. 3.**

I can only be bemused by Phil McNeely's latest musings about the state of the Ottawa economy. Since being elected Ottawa-Orléans MPP, he has not delivered one job to his riding, unless he is counting the overcrowding at the Regional Detention Centre.

As the Citizen reported last year, while the vast majority of provincial economic funding went to Liberal ridings, Ottawa-Orléans did not receive one cent from the Eastern Ontario Economic Development Fund.

At a recent town hall meeting he blamed everyone including his provincial colleagues for the shortcomings in the east end. After lamenting about the transportation advances in the provincial highway system in the west (provincial Highways 7, 417 and 416), he criticized the City of Ottawa for the lack of similar progress in the east.

He also blames the National Capital Commission for the future interprovincial bridge corridors. He conveniently ignores that his government is helping fund the study and had pushed for the Greenbelt corridors while he stood by, without raising any objection.

Before casting stones, McNeely should take a look his record. The voters will not forget that he has not lived up to his promises on the hog farm, cheaper hydro service for Orléans residents, fixing the split, funding for the Petrie Island Pavilion, and of course the infamous flip-flop on the interprovincial bridge.

Voters will remember the waste of hundreds of millions of dollars on gas plants, the Ornge air ambulance service, e-Health and blatant contempt of the legislature.

**RAINER BLOESS**,  
Councillor, Innes Ward

### Criminal, not ethical

**Re: Seeking an ethical political culture in Quebec, Nov. 12.**

I believe Margaret Somerville is wrong in her column, again.

Quebec's problems as revealed at the corruption inquiry are criminal, not ethical. The stealing of money by political parties, civic and elected officials is dishonesty just like taking money from a bank.

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